



Town of Surfside
9293 Harding Avenue, Surfside FL 33154

**Sand Project Community Monitoring Committee
Regular Meeting**

Monday, August 18, 2014 – 7:00 pm
Town Hall – Commission Chambers

MINUTES

Committee Members

Joe Benton
Juan Borges
Lee Gottlieb
Marianne Meischheid
Jeffrey Platt
David Raymond
Scott Stripling

1. Call to Order and Welcome

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Jeffrey Platt at 7:14 pm.

The roll was called with the above listed members present, with the exception of Scott Stripling, who is absent. A quorum was established.

Also in attendance: Dr. Stephen Leatherman, Gordon Thomson, P.E., Surfside residents, Mayor Daniel Dietch, Linda Miller, Town Attorney, Joseph Kroll, Public Works, Michael Crotty, Town Manager.

2. Approval of Minutes: August 5, 2014

David Raymond made a motion to approve the minutes; Marianne Meischeid seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The minutes were approved.

3. Final review of beach/sand options and Committee recommendation regarding beach/sand options to be included in final report
Facilitator: Gordon Thomson, PE, D.CE. CBI Environmental & Infrastructure, Inc.

David Raymond inquired as to what happened with plant life if the sand is placed on the dunes.

Gordon Thomson advised that the plant life will die, but the dunes can be replanted.

Jeffrey Platt suggested that with the construction companies in the work of re-doing the dunes behind their respective building it would make sense to re-do all the dunes to have a more uniformed look in the town.

Gordon Thomson suggested looking at the most cost effective item.

Lee Gottlieb inquired about the option of inversely flipping the sand. Gordon Thomson advised that flipping the beach can become expensive project.

Joe Benton suggested making the beach wider by adding additional sand.

Lee Gottlieb advised of another alternative currently taking place in Sunny Isles in which they are digging trenches onto the beach and burying the old sand, and capping it off with the existing sand.

Marianne Meischeid made a motion to move forward with the option of scraping, removing, and replacing the Surf Club sand with upland sand; David Raymond seconded the motion.

The members voted in the following manner:

Joe Benton – No

David Raymond – No

Lee Gottlieb – No

Marianne Meischeid – Yes

Juan Borges – No

Jeffrey Platt - Yes

The motion fails with a vote of 4-2.

After the failed vote and additional discussion, the Town Manager suggested that the Committee might wish to consider a motion recommending option 2 (scraping & placing in dunes) subject to FDEP signing off of their compliance assistance offer (debris) and a modified testing protocol as recommended by Dr. Teaf.

David Raymond made a motion to move forward with option number two by scraping the Surf Club sand off the beach and placing it in the dunes/street access areas subject to resolving FDEP offer of assistance with regards to debris on the beach and undertaking testing sample protocol as recommended by Dr. Teaf. Lee Gottlieb seconded the motion.

The members voted in the following manner:

Joe Benton – No Vote

David Raymond – Yes

Lee Gottlieb – Yes

Marianne Meischeid – Yes

Juan Borges – No

Jeffrey Platt - Yes

The motion passes with vote of 4-1 with one abstention.

4. Final review of draft proposal of Urging Resolution prepared by Dr. Christopher Teaf and Committee recommendation on chemical testing protocol to be included in the “Urging Resolution” to the State of Florida specifically requiring all sand transfer within the State under minimum testing requirements

Town Manager recommends that the Board approve the draft Urging Resolution to the State of Florida with regards to minimum testing on sand transfers and to also include language of the synthetic precipitation leaching procedure (SPLP) in the Urging Resolution.

David Raymond moved to approve the draft of the Urging Resolution along with the inclusion of the synthetic precipitation leaching procedure language in the draft; Marianne Meischeid seconded the motion. The motion passes with a vote of 5-1.

Joe Benton has abstained from voting due to a nature of conflict.

5. Report on meeting with Chateau representatives regarding their FDEP CCCL Permit (sand transfer)

The Chateau’s permit allows them to place sand on the beach starting at 93rd street south into Miami Beach.

6. Discussion on possible enhanced land development regulations specifically for Surfside regarding future sand transfer operations
Facilitators: Gordon Thomson and Dr. Stephen Leatherman

Town Manager advised that this item will be discussed at length at the next meeting.

7. Presentation by Dr. Stephen Leatherman on recently obtained sand core samples from offshore Martin County (possible source of sand for 2016/2017 full beach renourishment)

Dr. Leatherman provided samples from the sand core just offshore of Martin County. It includes the sand identified by the core of county engineers for beach renourishment within the Town of Surfside.

8. Public comment

The following residents provided their feedback and concerns regarding the sand:

- Norma Parron
- Monica Grandeze
- Deborah Cimadevilla
- Peter Neville
- Tina Paul

9. Adjournment

Marianne Meischeid made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Juan Borges seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously. The meeting ended at 9:41 pm.